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For: Implanted Medical Devices With Anti-Inflammatory Coatings

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please replace the original title with: --Anti-Inflammatory Compositions for Multiple Sclerosis--

Prior to examination, please add after the title: --This application takes its priority from copending PCT/US02/00476, filed 01/03/2002, copending USSN 09/771,669, filed 01/30/2001, and USSN 09/056,707, filed 4/8/1998, now USPN 6,689,748, issued 2/10/2004

Prior to examination of the attached patent application, please delete claims 1-39 recited therein, and replace with the following new claims:

- 40. A composition for protecting a subject from the inflammatory components of multiple sclerosis, said composition comprising non-bovine chondroitin sulfate, quercetin or myricetin, hydroxyzine, and, optionally, olive kernel extract, in a vehicle for oral administration.
- 41. The composition further comprising the optional injection of interferon-beta.
- 42. The composition according to claim 40, wherein said composition comprises, in mg/day, 50-300 each of non-bovine chondroitin sulfate, quercetin or myricetin, hydroxyzine, optionally 150-600 of olive kernel extract in a vehicle for oral administration.